

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CRIME IN TRAINS STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an increase in crime in trains and at stations;
- (b) if so, the number of cases reported during 2004, till date and the action taken in respect of those cases;
- (c) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to provide security to passengers in trains and at stations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. There is an increase in the number of cases of crimes (Murder, Dacoity, Robbery and theft of passengers' belongings) reported in trains and Railway premises during the year 2004 as compared to the year 2003.

(b): The number of cases of Murder, Dacoity, Robbery, and theft of passengers' belongings reported in trains and Railway premises during the year 2004 is as under:-

		Murder	Dacoity	Robbery	Theft of	
		Passengers'				
		Belongings				
In	Trains	49	107	224	7055	
In	Railway	220	25	183	4645	
	Premises					

All cases of crimes on railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the concerned Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State Governments.

(c): In order to improve safety and security of passengers traveling by trains, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) Act, 1957 has been amended to enable Railway Protection Force to effectively supplement the efforts of the Government Railway Police (GRP) of the State Governments in controlling Crime. To enable the State Government Railway Police to concentrate better on serious crimes, the minor offences under the Railways Act, 1989 have been brought under the purview of the Railway Protection Force by amending the Act with effect from 1st July, 2004. As such, RPF escort parties, as far as possible are deployed for escorting of important trains, withdrawing them from various scheduled duties, to assist GRP actively with effect from 1st July, 2004. In addition, the security in Railway premises is augmented by the Railway Protection Force to supplement the efforts of Government Railway Police (G.R.P.). Investigation and prosecution of crime under the Indian Penal Code (including offences of Murder, Dacoity, Robbery, Theft of Passengers' belongings and other crimes against passengers); offences under various other Acts as well as sabotage related cases under the Railways Act continue to be with the GRP (State Police).